



Central Queensland MUSIC THERAPY

Newsletter June 2025

Open Day

The Central Queensland Music Therapy **Open Day** is only a couple of weeks away now! If you are interested in coming along for a tour of our space, to try out some instruments, and to learn about music therapy and the services that we offer, please **RSVP** via [this form](#).

WHEN: Saturday 21st June, 12:00-5:00pm

WHERE: Central Queensland Music Therapy practice
Shop 4, 172 Goondoon Street, Gladstone
(Palms shopping centre, underneath Fresh Fix café)

COST: FREE!

SESSION TIMES:

12:30-1:00pm – Information session 1
2:00-2:30pm – Children’s sing-a-long and music group
3:30-4:00pm – Information session 2
Drop-in sessions (come any time): drum circle, collaborative songwriting

NDIS Updates

Last month, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) provided clarification to the Australian Music Therapy Association (AMTA) around how music therapy can be accessed within the NDIS. While we know there are no changes to the pricing of music therapy at this stage, the NDIA released a statement about stated supports in participants' NDIS plans. The NDIA's full statement can be found [here](#) – the key takeaways are:

- Plans should list support categories, not individual items such as specific therapies (unless required)
- Capacity building supports are generally stated at the category level, not at the support item level
- Plan comments/guidance should explain the purpose and flexibility of funding, not list detailed supports (at the moment, this area may suggest specific therapies as an example of the types of supports available)
- Participants can still exercise choice and control when it comes to selecting therapies

AMTA's *Music Therapy Matters* Newsletter

The AMTA is launching a public newsletter called *Music Therapy Matters* to raise awareness and continue to advocate for the profession. You'll be kept in the loop with industry updates, news, and celebrations such as this year marking 50 Years of music therapy in Australia!

Central Queensland Music Therapy invites you to sign up to the newsletter [here](#), or share the link with your network of health professionals, policy makers, educators, community leaders, potential students of music therapy - anyone who you think might like to hear from the AMTA.

Thank you!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

From **Eliza and Jess**

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